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## News from Local Congregations

The **United Church of Cookeville, UCC**, is pleased to announce that following a nation-wide search, on February 8th they called **Paige Pearson** to serve as their full-time pastor beginning March 1, 2009. Paige, a graduate of Candler School of Theology was ordained in 2004, and has served in chaplaincies since that time. The congregation also announced that they purchased their building after having rented it since they organized five years ago.

**Brookmeade Congregational UCC**, Nashville announced that Lauryn Ross, a member of the church has left to work for several months with **Anil and Theresa Henry** at the **Christian Hospital in Mungeli, India**. The Henry's are member of the congregation. The church has supported Lauryn's trip with fundraisers and special offerings.

**Anil Henry** has been in touch with us to say that two groups have visited the Mungeli hospital from **Sandy Springs Christian Church** (the host of the upcoming Southeast Conference Annual Meeting) over the last two months.



**Holy Trinity Community UCC, Nashville**, with the leadership of Tony England, is the organizer of the Upper Room Fellowship which is hosted in the UCC congregations of Nashville on a rotating basis. The next gathering will take place from 5:00–7:00 at **First United Church of Christ, Nashville**, and features Associate Conference Minister **Kathy Clark**. On Saturday, May 16th, the Fellowship will gather at **Howard Congregational UCC**, and the featured speaker will be Conference Minister **Tim Downs**. The next gathering will be October 17th, and will feature Associate Conference Minister **Cameron Trimble**.

Cliff Aerie, of the Proclamation, Identity and Communication Ministries of the UCC in Cleveland has alerted us to a tour by the **Oikos Jazz Ensemble** in Tennessee. On Friday, March 6th, they will be playing a Jazz Vespers service at **Brookmeade Congregational UCC**, on Saturday morning March 7th and again on Sunday morning March 8th, a Mission Jazz Concert at **Pleasant Hill Community UCC**, and finally on Sunday, March 8th an evening jazz worship at **Holy Trinity Community UCC**, Nashville.

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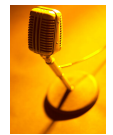
We have sent a pledge form to each of the congregations of the Southeast Conference and have received forms back from the following churches, totally over \$100,000:

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**Deer Lodge Congregational UCC, Deer Lodge, TN**  
**Pilgrimage UCC, Marietta, GA**  
**Pleasant Hill Community UCC, TN**  
**First Congregational UCC, Talladega**  
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**Union United Church of Christ, Tougaloo, MS**  
**United Church UCC, Cookeville, TN**  
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*Posted on February 27, 2009*

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